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explained by the sex instinct, since that would be committing the fallacy of considering things explained by their origin.

In the reviewer's opinion, Mr. McDowall's proposed amendment is hardly an improvement upon Croce's rounded theory. It savors of the missionary spirit, and there are some of us who prefer the unconverted pagan.

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NOTES AND NEWS

A mark of recent philosophy in the United States has been the growth of the interest in empirical accuracy. The following definitions of philosophy, culled from the examination papers of Sophomores, and communicated by a friend of the JOURNAL, show that the spirit of empiricism is making excellent progress:

Philosophy is an attempt to pierce the veil which philosophers have cast over the world.

Philosophy is a study of that which is not that which it seems to be.

Philosophy makes exquisite that which is implicit.